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Victoria Mine Masonry Ruin

Identification:

Preferred Structure Name: Victoria Mine Masonry Ruin

Structure Number: HS09B

Other Structure Name(s):

Other Structure Name(s)

No records.

Park: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Historic District:

Historic District

No records.

Structure State: Arizona
Structure County: Pima

Region: Intermountain
Cluster: Southwest

Administrative Unit: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

LCS ID: 056732

Historical Significance:

National Register Status: Entered - Documented

National Register Date: 09/01/1978

National Historic Landmark?: No
Significance Level: Local

Short Significance Description: Victoria Mine Masonry Ruin is one of the surviving structures of the Victoria

Mine, Organ Pipe NM, entered on the NR, at the state level, the oldest known example of mining activity in the monument & one of the oldest in southwestern Arizona. Intermittent period of significance, 1880-present.

Long Significance Description: he Victoria Mine Masonry Ruin is one of the surviving structures of the

Victoria Mine, Organ Pipe NM, which was entered on the NR, at the state level, as the oldest known example of mining in the monument and one of the earliest in the inhospitable Sonoran Desert area adjacent to the US/Mexican border in southwestern Arizona. The period of significance begins with 1880 then Cipriano Ortega acquired the site and called it "La Americana," through Mikul Levy's purchase of it in 1899 and his death in 1941, to the present, as there may still be claims held on the site

Early on in its existence the Victoria Mine produced silver ore in large quantities, but Levy extracted only about \$30,000 and subsequent claimants realized around \$10,000 total, possibly due to the high water table and the technical problems associated with sinking the shaft below it.

The Victoria Mine, with its associated surviving stone building and historic scene, was entered on the National Register of Historic Places on September 21, 1978.

Construction Period:

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Historic

Chronology:

		Begin			
Physical	Begin	Year	End	End Year	Designer
Event	Year	AD/BC	Year	AD/BC	Designer Occupation
1. Built	1880	AD	1889	AD	

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function: Industrial/Processing/Extraction

Other Functions or Uses:

Primary Current Use: Ruin

Structure Contains Museum

Collections?:

Square Feet:

Other Function(s) or Use(s) Historic or Current

No records.

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Physical Description:

Structure Type: Ruin

Material(s):

Structural Component(s) Material(s)

1. Superstructure Stone

2. Substructure Fieldstone

Short Physical Description: Remains of square bldg, now part of single standing wall 13'6" long w/

outline of orig 13'6" x 18' structure. Varies in height, center filled w/ rubble.

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